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Claims 58 and 60 to 98 are pending in the instant application. Claim 58 is withdrawn from consideration in Paper Number 21 as being drawn to an invention which was constructively non-elected by original presentation in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.145.

Claims 77 and 78 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim must depend from other claims in the alternative only. Claim 77 depends from both claim 72 and from claim 1, which has been canceled. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims 77 and 78 have not been further treated on the merits.

Claims 60 to 76 and 79 to 98 are allowable as written. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John D. Ulm whose telephone number is (703) 308-4008. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

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